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Tornado Tears Through City Leaving Path of Destruction

The tornado that ripped through Springfield may have grown to be half a mile wide by the time it reached Monson.

Although such tornadoes are extremely rare here, history has shown they do occur. The SFD was tasked with searching for people trapped in homes and cars. Wires down were the majority of our calls for that 24 hour period.



Black American Heritage Flag Raising Ceremony 2012

For 26 years the Black Heritage Flag has been raised on the esplanade of city hall.

This year some of Springfield's bravest were "ON SCENE"





Commissioners Corner

I would like to thank everyone for the tremendous job that was done throughout last year. 2011 was probably the most difficult year for disasters, but as usual the Springfield Fire Department rose to the challenge. I am still hearing praise every day from the citizens of Springfield for the efforts you put forth in handling those disasters. There is a vision I have for our department and am looking forward to leading you in providing the best fire and emergency services in all of Massachusetts. I will be starting

visits called "Coffee with the Commissioner" to discuss issues or ideas with any division or firehouse that would like. Any group interested can contact Chief Guyer to set up a visit and I look forward to meeting with everyone.



"Upcoming Events"

Firefighter Bernard J. Caffrey Added To Fallen Firefighter Memorial

On August 23, 1953 Firefighter Bernard J. Caffrey responded to an emergency at 56 Kensington Ave on Truck 3. Immediately following that call he was hospitalized with severe chest pain. Bernard remained hospitalized from that time till he died on September 6, 1953.

The department will hold a ceremony at the Headquarters Firefighter Memorial on February 29th at 11:00am to recognize Bernard's place on the monument wall.



Two Firefighters To Be Recognized For Their Actions

Firefighter Frank Jimenez and Firefighter Juan Morales will receive Individual Citations for their actions at a house fire located at 344 St. James Avenue on January 3, 2012.

Mayor Sarno and Commissioner Conant will present the Awards at a ceremony on March 12th at the Mason Square Fire Station.



RUNS & WORKERS 2010

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FIRE COMPANY	RUNS	LADDERS	HOSE LAID	JAWS OF LIFE
ENGINE 1	2536	28	10950	-
ENGINE 3	2389	130	20250	-
ENGINE 5	1057	28	6200	-
ENGINE 8	2028	56	22950	-
ENGINE 9	1169	84	13600	-
ENGINE 10	1691	1232	6875	-
ENGINE 12	1077	182	10750	-
BRUSH 1	46	-	300	-
ENGINE 16	752	28	10750	-
LADDER 1	2638	2262	-	-
LADDER 3	2263	2644	-	2
LADDER 5	1049	1512	-	4
LADDER 8	2030	2523	-	-
LADDER 9	1182	1151	-	3
HAZ-MAT 1	4	-	-	-
RESCUE SQUAD	1404	-	-	22
	RUNS	WORKING FIRES	MOTOR VEHICLE	MISCELLANEOUS
DISTRICT CHIEF 1	757	41	-	-
DISTRICT CHIEF 2	629	59	-	-
PIO	162	94	14	54
ARSON SQUAD	372	176	103	93

Hot Shots



Bowdoin St.



Front Street



Wilbraham Rd.



Landcashire Rd.



Harriet St.



Ladder - I Named "Fire Storm"



Water St.




Springfield

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